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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: GUJARAT STATE FERTILIZER COMPANY
PLANS A SECOND FERTILIZER PLANT

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1. GUJARAT STATE FERTILIZER COMPANY LIMITED (GSFC),
POST OFFICE FERTILIZERNAGAR, DISTRICT BARODA, GUJARAT
(WTDR 10/74), A JOINT VENTURE OF THE GUJARAT STATE
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR, ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 21 ITS
PLAN TO ESTABLISH A SECOND FERTILIZER PLANT IN THE STATE.
PROPOSED PLANT WILL PRODUCE 500,000 METRIC TONS UREA AND
130,000 M. TONS AMMONIA ANNUALLY BASED ON FUEL OIL.
GSFC'S PRESENT PLANT IS BASED PRINCIPALLY ON NATURAL GAS
AND SUPPLEMENTED BY NAPHTHA SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED
OILFIELDS AND REFINERY NEARBY. COAL WILL BE USED FOR
GENERATING STEAM REQUIRED FOR PLANT AS WELL AS FOR
POWER. FINAL SITE SELECTION IS YET TO BE MADE. GSFC HOPES TO
COMMISSION UNIT BY MARCH 1979.

2. THE PROJECT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$306 MILLION AND,
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ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, WILL BE AIDED BY WEST GERMANY.

WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION AT PRESENT ON FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY GSFC.

3. A SUBSIDIARY PROJECT TO DERIVE 2.8 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF ARGON GAS AND METHANE FROM THE AMMONIA PLANT IS ALSO ENVISAGED.

4. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL DATA FROM GSFC. IN MEANWHILE INTERESTED US FIRMS SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH MR. M.D.RAJPAL, MG. DIRECTOR, GSFC, CABLE ADDRESS, "FERTILIZER".

5. FYI: GSFC'S FIRST FERTILIZER PLANT BECAME OPERATIVE IN 1967 AND OPERATES EFFICIENTLY. ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY WAS PROVIDED BY KULJIAN CORP., PHILADELPHIA, AND JOHN VAN DER VALK ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK. MAJOR EQUIPEMNT WAS SUPPLIED BY TOYO ENGINEERING, HITACHI, AND HITACHI SHIPBUILDING BOTH OF JAPAN.
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